

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: SHUM, PA  
SUBJECT: STATUS OF POLITICAL PRISONERS

REF: A. STATE 167928  
B. ASUNCION 2522  
C. ASUNCION 2469

1. SIXTEEN POLITICAL PRISONERS TERMINATED THEIR HUNGER STRIKE  
JUNE 22. REPORTS INDICATED THAT ARCHBISHOP ROLON WAS SUCCESSFUL IN  
HIS EFFORTS TO END THE HUNGER STRIKE. HIS SUCCESS FOLLOWED THE  
RELEASE OF 18 PRISONERS JUNE 22 (REFTEL A) AND ROLON'S NEGOTIATIONS  
WITH THE STRIKERS JUNE 23 DURING WHICH HE PASSED ALONG ASSURANCES  
FROM THE INTERIOR MINISTER THAT THE AUTHORITIES WOULD EXAMINE  
THE REMAINING PRISONERS' CASES. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NO REPORTS THAT  
THE GOP HAS TAKEN OR IS TAKING ANY ACTION IN REGARD TO THE REMAINING  
PRISONERS.

2. REGRET THE DELAY IN REPORTING OUTCOME OF HUNGER STRIKE.  
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